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DECISION ON "OVERALL ECONOMIC PERSPECTIVE AND
DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE
ECE REGION".

REF: GENEVA 2192

1. DELEGATION MAY GO ALONG WITH ADOPTION OF DRAFT DECISION
ON "OVERALL ECONOMIC PERSPECTIVE AND DEVELOPMENT OF INTER-
NATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE ECE REGION", AS QUOTED IN
REFTEL, PROVIDED THIS IS ALSO PREPONDERANT VIEW OF WESTERN
CAUCUS.

2. IN THE EVENT SOME COMMENTS SEEM APPROPRIATE EITHER ON
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TREASURY, WHO REPRESENTS US IN MEETING OF ECE SENIOR

ECONOMIC ADVISERS:

"THE US HAS COOPERATED IN THE PREPARATION OF THE ECE REPORT ON ECONOMIC PERSPECTIVE TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITY, RECOGNIZING THAT WE DO NOT PREPARE ECONOMIC FORECASTS BEYOND THE MEDIUM TERM. WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO OUR BEST TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FUTURE WITHIN THAT LIMITATION. THE PROJECTION OF THE US ECONOMY TO 1985 PREPARED BY THE BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS IN 1972 HAS ALREADY BEEN SUBMITTED. UNFORTUNATELY, THAT PROJECTION IS ALREADY BADLY OUT OF DATE. IF LONG RANGE FORECASTS ARE PREPARED IN THE FUTURE BY US GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WE WILL, OF COURSE, SHARE THEM WITH THE ECE."

3. FOR BACKGROUND, THE FOLLOWING WAS US POSITION ON THE TWO 30TH GA RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO IN THE DRAFT DECISION:

A. RESOLUTION 3508 (XXX) ON EXAMINATION OF LONG-TERM TRENDS IN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF WORLD REGIONS, INITIATED BY POLAND, WAS ADOPTED BY VOTE OF 112-0-17 (US, EC-9 AND OTHERS) AFTER A POLITICIZED PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH, WHICH HAD BEEN EXPANDED AT EGYPTIAN INITIATIVE TO INCLUDE REFERENCE TO ELIMINATING RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, HAD BEEN ADOPTED BY VOTE OF 104-14 (US, EC-9 AND OTHERS)-11. THE EGYPTIAN CHANGE HAD BEEN INTRODUCED ONLY A FEW DAYS AFTER ADOPTION OF THE GA RESOLUTION DEFINING ZIONISM AS A FORM OF RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION. THE US EXPLAINED ITS VOTE AGAINST THE PARAGRAPH BECAUSE IT WAS IRRELEVANT AND REFERRED TO A TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE CONCEPT, AND ITS ABSTENTION ON THE RESOLUTION AS A WHOLE BOTH BECAUSE OF THE PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH AND BECAUSE WE QUESTIONED THE UTILITY OF THE STUDY PROCESS ON REGIONAL ECONOMIC TRENDS. THE EC-9 EXPLANATION WAS SIMILAR.

B. RESOLUTION 3409 (XXX) ON UNIFIED (ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL) APPROACH TO DEVELOPMENT ANALYSIS AND PLANNING, INITIATED BY THE SOVIETS BUT IMPROVED THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS, WAS ADOPTED WITHOUT VOTE. THE US, WHILE SUPPORTING, RESERVED WITH RESPECT TO REFERENCES TO THE NIEO AND CERDS AND EXPLAINED THAT WE WOULD HAVE PREFERRED MENTION OF UNCLASSIFIED

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STRENGTHENING NOT ONLY THE PUBLIC BUT ALSO THE PRIVATE AND MIXED SECTORS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH EACH COUNTRY'S SYSTEM.

4. WITH RESPECT TO OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 4 OF THE DRAFT DECISION REQUESTING THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF ECE TO PREPARE A STUDY CALLED FOR BY GA RESOLUTION 3508 (XXX) WE BELIEVE THAT, DESPITE OUR DOUBTS AS TO THE UTILITY OF THIS STUDY PROCESS, THERE WOULD BE LITTLE POINT TO OBJECTING

TO THE ECE COMPLYING WITH THIS ASPECT OF THE GA RESOLUTION.
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